

Pinwheel Puca by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

1 gram - Size 15 Opaque Blue Turquoise Round Japanese Seed Beads by Toho – 43 (SB6063)

36 - 6mm Opaque Turquoise Khéops par Puca® 2 Hole Triangle Czech Glass Beads (GL4295)

1 pair - 13.5mm Gold-Filled Ear Wires with Bead by TierraCast® (GF2107)

1 - Smoke Gray FireLine Braided Bead Thread .008 diameter - 6 lb/Size D (SM1001)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

Chain nose pliers

Size 11 Tulip Beading Needles (TL2648)

Beading Scissors 1-1/4 in. Blade (TL0302)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

Attaching an Ear Wire

Instructions to complete “Pinwheel Puca” earrings:

Step 1

Arrange six Puca beads on the work surface in a horizontal row pointed left, with the parallel holes running left to right.

Step 2

Thread a needle with a 2-foot length of beading thread.

Round 1: Pass through the top hole of all six beads from left to right. Pass through all beads again. Cinch the circle of beads, and pass through the first bead again. Tie a half-hitch knot to secure.

Step 3

Pass through the next Puca bead. Turn and pass through the second hole of that bead.

Step 4

Round 2: String four size 15 seed beads. Pass through the second hole of the next Puca bead.

Step 5

Repeat Step 4 around the circle. At the end of the round, pass through the first two size 15 seed beads added in this round. Leave the working thread attached. Set the link aside.

Step 6

Repeat Steps 1 – 5 five more times, making a total of six links.

Step 7

Arrange three links vertically on the work surface.

Step 8

With the thread exiting the second size 15 seed bead in a four-bead loop at the top of the lowest link, pass the needle over the thread between the second and third beads of a loop at the bottom of the middle link. Pass through the next two size 15 seed beads on the link originally exited.

Step 9

Pass through all of the holes and bead in round 2 again. Tie a half-hitch knot. Pass through two more beads. Trim the thread.

Step 10

Repeat Steps 8 – 9 to connect the top link to the middle link.

Step 11

On the top link, weave the working thread through all the beads in round 2 a second time, tying a half-hitch knot near the end.

Step 12

Open the loop on one ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique), and attach it to the top loop on the top link. Close the loop.

Step 13

Repeat Steps 7 – 12 for the second earring.

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